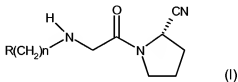


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method of treating hyperlipidemia ~~and or conditions associated with hyperlipidemia~~ comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



wherein

R is substituted adamantyl; and

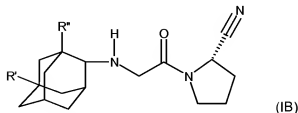
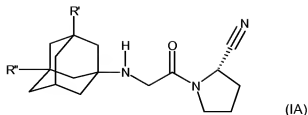
n is 0 to 3; in free form or in acid addition salt form.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

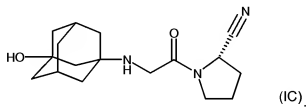
Claim 4 (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising (a) a compound of formula I, and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of (b) an antihyperlipidemic agent; a plasma HDL-raising agent; an antihypercholesterolemic agent, such as a cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor, e.g., an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, an HMG-CoA synthase inhibitor, a squalene epoxidase inhibitor or a squalene synthetase inhibitor; an ACAT inhibitor; probucol; nicotinic acid and the salts thereof and niacinamide; a cholesterol absorption inhibitor; a bile acid sequestrant anion exchange resin; an LDL receptor inducer; a cholesterol absorption inhibitor; fibrates; vitamin B6 and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; vitamin B12; vitamin B3; anti-oxidant vitamins; a β -blocker; an angiotensin II receptor (AT_1) antagonist; an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; a renin inhibitor, and a platelet aggregation inhibitor, a fibrinogen receptor antagonists, a glycoprotein IIb/IIIa fibrinogen receptor antagonists; and aspirin.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn) A method of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound selected from a compound of formulae IA or IB:



wherein R' represents hydroxy, C₁-C₇alkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkanoyloxy, or R₅R₄N-CO-O-, where R₄ and R₅ independently are C₁-C₇alkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent selected from C₁-C₇alkyl, C₁-C₇alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl and where R₄ additionally is hydrogen; or R₄ and R₅ together represent C₃-C₆alkylene; and R'' represents hydrogen; or R' and R'' independently represent C₁-C₇alkyl; in free form or in form of a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) A method of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula IC[.]



Claim 7-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, wherein the active agent (b) is selected from the group consisting of statins; bile acid-binding resins; nicotinic acid, probucol, β-carotene, vitamin E or vitamin C.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, wherein the active agent (b) is selected from the group consisting of fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin or simvastatin.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula IC and wherein the active agent (b) is selected from the group consisting of fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin or simvastatin.

Claim 17-26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (New) A method of claim 1, wherein the hyperlipidemia is hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, combined hyperlipidemia, hyperchylomicronemia, defective dysbetalipoproteinemia, or defective apolipoprotein B-100.

Claim 28 (New) A method of claim 6, wherein the hyperlipidemia is hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, combined hyperlipidemia, hyperchylomicronemia, defective dysbetalipoproteinemia, or defective apolipoprotein B-100.